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## Managing Your Participation Requirements



### **Participation**



#### Pay Programs

- Fiscal Year (FY) requirements
  - Annual Tour (AT)
  - IDTs
- Satisfactory year for retirement

- Non-pay programs
  - Satisfactory year for retirement





# Fiscal Year (FY) Requirements



# FY Participation Requirements



- Required to perform 24/48 paid IDTs
  - IDT is one 4 hour period, no more than 2 per day
- 12-14 day annual tour
  - No more than one Annual Tour in a FY
  - Schedule your Annual Tour and IDTs before requesting a special/MPA tour
- Your program manager may waive unsatisfactory FY participation 1st year
  - HQ ARPC/DPR approval authority for any subsequent waivers





### Recent Changes to Fiscal Year (FY) Requirements



# Recent Changes to FY ( Participation

- THE REAGHTE COMMEN
- AF/RE directed changequirements
  - Better management of RPA funds
  - Consistent visibility with active duty supervisors
- Required to submit a schedule of IDTs to PM

NLT 15 Aug of each year beginning for FY05



# Recent Changes to FY Participation Requirements

- IDTs limited to no more than 8 or 16 paid points per quarter depending on Reserve Section
  - Supervisor/PM may initiate an Exception to Policy
    - Letter to allow for more IDTs in a quarter
  - ARPC/CC is approval/disapproval authority





### Retention/Retirement (R/R) Requirements





■ 12 consecutive months

- Must be credited with a minimum of 50 points
  - 35 earned points
  - 15 membership points
- Counts towards your retirement





- Point totals
  - 90 points inactive duty toward retirement
    - ■IDT, correspondence courses, membership
  - All active duty counts towards retirement
    - Annual
    - Special RPA
    - School
    - MPA
    - Mobilization





- It is <u>your</u> responsibility to track your R/R year -- it affects your retirement
  - You will receive your AF Form 526 approximately 60 days after the close-out of your R/R year
  - Check your AF Form 526 annually
  - Review it on vMPF
  - Call ARPC/DPPK, Point Credit Branch for point corrections
    - 1-800-525-0102 ext 71285





- After you are "retirement eligible" R/R affects your retention
  - 1st unsat year, reassignment may be waived by your program manager
  - 2nd unsat year, you will transfer to ISLRS or may retire (DoDD 1200.15)





### Substitutions for Annual Tour and Split Tours



# **Substitutions for Annual Tour**



- Substitute School Tours for Annual Tour
  - Must be at least 12 academic days for full substitution
  - Partial substitutions are authorized (day for day)
- Request for substitution accomplished in WOTS
  - Substitution does not change how tours are coded in the system (PCARS)



### Impact of Substitutions



- Ensures
  - FY requirements are met
- Prevents
  - You from being an unsatisfactory participant
  - Reassignment for unsatisfactory participation



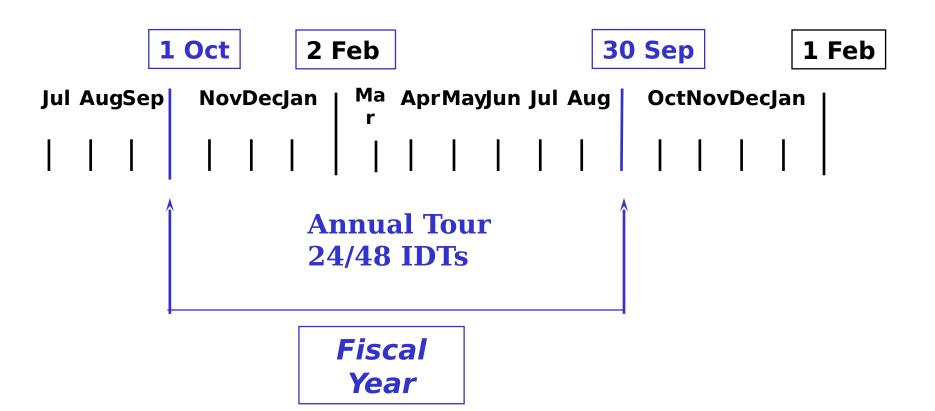


- AFMAN 36-8001
  - Allows for Annual Tours (AT) to be split
  - Allows for combining IDTs with AT, but...
    - Only if it is justified to meet training requirements
    - And you cannot combine IDT and AT for the sole purpose of paying for IDT travel



### FY Example

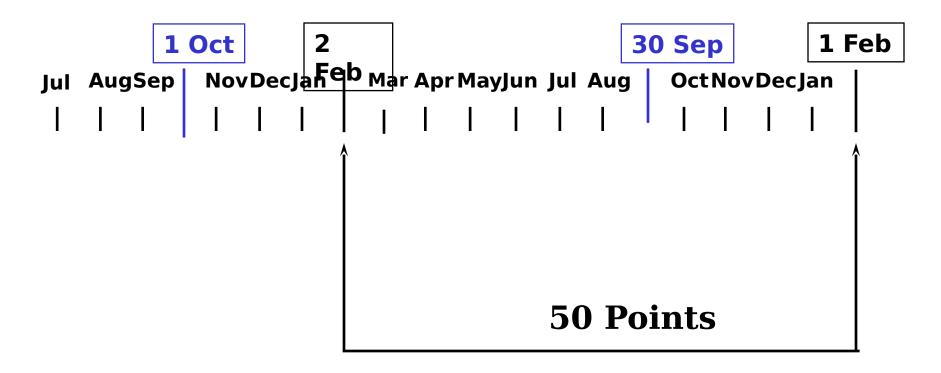






### R/R Year Example



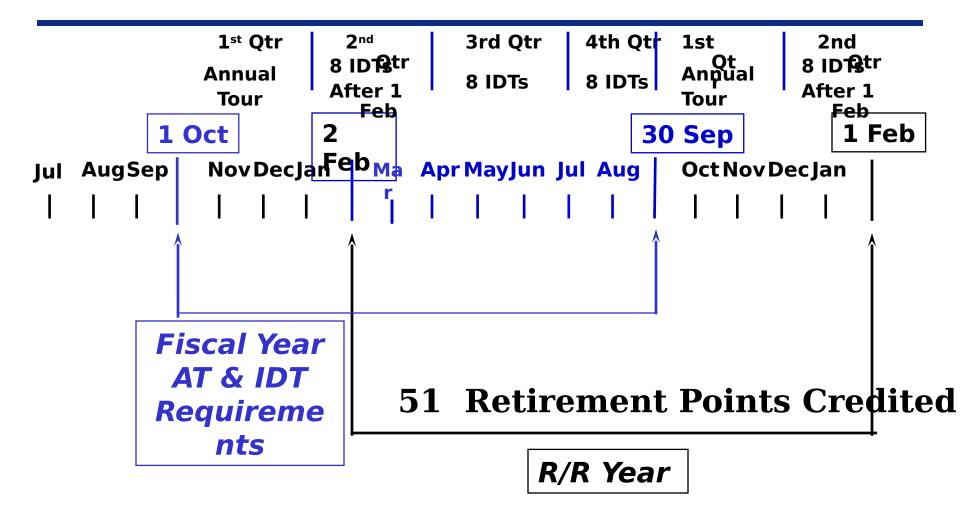


R/R Year 2 Feb - 1 Feb



### FY and R/R Year Example



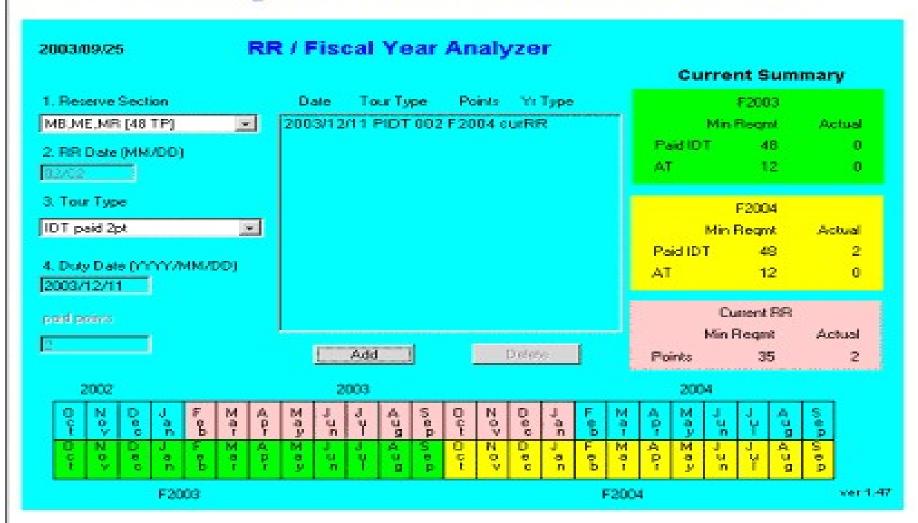




### Participation Calculator



#### IMA Participation Calculator & Scheduler



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# Other Ways to Earn Points



- Funeral Honors
- Non-paid IDTS
- Additional Duties
  - CAP
  - ALO





### **Orders**

- WOTS
- VOCO







- Web Orders Tracking System
  - Used to request orders for
    - Annual Tours
    - School Tours
    - Special RPA Tours







- Member must select "commute" or "travel"
- Reset password function
  - You will need your SSN, rank and zip code
- For help call 1-800-223-1784 ext 71258
- IMA User Guide for WOTS is on our website (link is on the WOTS page)
- Your questions may be answered on the FAQ page on our Web



#### **WOTS - New Features**



- Program Managers (PM) can now return an orders request to you
  - You will receive an e-mail with instructions to review the remarks section (if you have provided your correct e-mail address)
- If you input an unapproved amendment
  - You will receive an e-mail explaining your amendment request was deleted



### WOTS - New Special Authorizations

- Special authorization (example: rental car)
  - WOTS provides required template
  - Program Managers approve or disapprove
- Member identifies if telecommuting
- Can include accrued leave during tour
- Can request IDTs, but won't be on orders
- File AF Form 938 and 40A with travel voucher



#### **VOCO**



- Verbal Order of the Commander (VOCO)
  - Used only in emergencies for immediate travel
  - By direction of commander and/or program manager
  - Unit commanders and supervisors must only authorize VOCO after obtaining approval from the Program Manager and HQ ARPC/FMA
  - Confirmatory written orders must be accomplished as soon as possible
- Bottom Line: Plan & request tour ahead to avoid VOCO



### **Questions?**



